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I write to oppose the settlement with Microsoft.

The deal favors Microsoft so strongly that I find I'm actually shocked. The arrangement will clearly not only fail to correct Microsoft's illegal activity, it will actually serve to benefit Microsoft.

Microsoft was found to be practicing illegal, monopolistic behavior for tactics that served to increase their market share, for bundling free products to gain market share, and for illegally blocking other's products to gain market share.

And yet, the proposed settlement will have the ironic result of increasing Microsoft's market share of both the OS and bundled products.

As just one obvious example, Microsoft has long struggled to gain a serious foothold in the education market, one of the few markets it does not yet overwhelmingly control. Incredibly, the proposed settlement would result in an increase in Microsoft's share of that market.

The settlement should be rejected.

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